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ORAL QUESTION (O-16/83)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr GAUTIER, Mr LINKOHR, Mrs WEBER, Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING,
Mr MIHR and Mr VON DER VRING
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Exhaust gases from motor vehicles

The protection of human health and of the environment
requires a swift and drastic reduction in the adverse effects
produced in those areas by motor vehicles, particularly in
air pollution. With existing technology, emissions from
motor vehicles can be reduced substantially from the levels
at present obtaining in the Community, at a cost which may
be described as trivial.

The Commission is therefore asked:

1. What stage has been reached in the discussions on draft
directive 15/05 in the Working Party on Air Pollution?
In particular, will it be able to complete its discussions
by the time scheduled (30.6.1983)? When is the report
likely to be submitted to Parliament, and when is the
directive intended to enter into force?

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2. In connection with the findings of the Working Party on Air Pollution, whose remit covers all harmful substances in petrol, is it likely that Council Directive 78/611/EEC of 29.6.1978 will at least be amended so that the maximum permitted lead content may be lower than 0.15 g/l?
3. What prospects does the Commission see of complying with the increasingly frequent calls for the introduction of lead-free petrol, and for the introduction in all the Community Member States of exhaust gas limit values for motor vehicles that are as strict as those which have long been in force in the USA and Japan?
4. Does the Commission intend to alter the ECE test cycle in order to bring the exhaust gas testing provisions applicable in the Community into line with those of the USA?